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Education

Ph.D., Mathematics, Simon Fraser University (1990)

M.S., Applied Math, Chinese Academy of Sciences (1984)

B.S., Mathematics, Zhengzhou University (1981)

Research Interests

- Innovative remote sensing: Using altimetry and gravimetry data and ocean circulation models to study ocean circulation and sea level changes
- Tsunami source and early detection system: Using GPS network to study tsunami formation mechanism and to develop early detection system
- Ocean modeling: Developing non-Boussinesq ROMS with improved terrain-following *sp*-coordinate system for climate studies

Professional Experience

1998—present Research Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

1996—1997 Research Associate, Bedford Institute of Oceanography

1991—1996 Postdoc/Res. Assistant Professor, IMCS, Rutgers University

Awards and Services

2015 **2014 Editor's Citation for Excellence in Refereeing (*JGR-Oceans*)**

2014 **Associate editor for *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology***

2011 **NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal** for *pioneering work in tsunami research, resulting in new insight into tsunami genesis and in advance a new approach to tsunami mitigation*

2011 **Finalist** for the Katerva Award in Human Development on tsunami detection

2010 **The year in science:** #84 Yardstick for Killer Waves, selected by *Discover Magazine* as one of the top 100 amazing discoveries

2008 **Ed Stone Award** for outstanding research on *Detecting tsunami genesis and scales directly from coastal GPS stations (JPL)*

2007 **NASA Tech Brief** award # NPO44443-CN: *Parallelization of the Coupled Earthquake-Tsunami Model*

2006 **Guest editor** of the special section “Dynamics and Circulation of the Yellow, East, and South China Sea”, *JGR-Oceans*

1996 **Developer** of the S-Coordinate Rutgers University Model (SCRUM, United State Copyright ©1996-2096 #TXu 715-315)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Song, Y. T.**, T. Lee, J.-H. Moon, T. Qu, and S. Yueh (2015), Modeling skin-layer salinity with an extended surface-salinity layer, *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 120, doi:10.1002/2014JC010346.
2. Susanto, D. W, and **Y. T. Song** (2015), Indonesian throughflow proxy from satellite altimeters and gravimeters, *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 119, 10.1002/2014JC010382.
3. Moon, J.-H., and **Y. T. Song** (2014), Seasonal salinity stratifications in the near-surface layer from Aquarius, Argo, and an ocean model: Focusing on the tropical Atlantic/Indian Oceans, *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 119, doi:10.1002/2014JC009969.
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5. Qu, T., **Y. T. Song**, and C. Maes (2014), Sea surface salinity and barrier layer variability in the equatorial Pacific as seen from Aquarius and Argo, *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, DOI: 10.1002/2013JC009375.
6. Xu, Z. and **Y. T. Song** (2013), Combining the all-source Green's functions and the GPS-derived source for fast tsunami prediction – illustrated by the March 2011 Japan tsunami, *J. Atmos. Oceanic Tech.*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-12-00201.1>.
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8. Moon, J.-H., **Y. T. Song**, P. D. Bromirski, and A. J. Miller (2013), Multidecadal regional sea level shifts in the Pacific over 1958–2008, *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 118, doi:10.1002/2013JC009297.
9. Moon, J.-H. and **Y. T. Song** (2013), Sea level and heat content changes in the western North Pacific. *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 118, 2014-2022, doi:10.1002/jgrc.200.
10. **Song, Y. T.**, I. Fukumori, C. K. Shum, and Y. Yi (2012), Merging tsunamis of the 2011 Tohoku-Oki earthquake detected over the open ocean, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, doi:10.1029/2011GL050767 (**Nature Highlights, March 8, 2012**).
11. Galvan, D. A., A. Komjathy, M. P. Hickey, P. Stephens, J. Snively, **Y. T. Song**, M. D. Butala, and A. J. Mannucci (2012), Ionospheric signatures of Tohoku-Oki tsunami of March 11, 2011: Model comparisons near the epicenter, *Radio Sci.*, **47**, RS4003, doi:10.1029/2012RS005023.
12. **Song, Y. T.** and T. Qu (2011), Multiple satellite missions confirming the theory of seasonal oceanic variability in the northern Pacific, *Marine Geodesy*, DOI: 10.1080/01490419.2011.590110.
13. **Song, Y. T.** and F. Colberg (2011), Deep ocean warming assessed from altimeters, Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment, in situ measurements, and a non-Boussinesq ocean general circulation model, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **116**, C02020, doi:10.1029/2010JC006601.
14. **Song, Y. T.** and S.C. Han (2011), Satellite observations defying the long-held tsunami genesis theory, *D.L. Tang (ed.), Remote Sensing of the Changing Oceans*, DOI 10.1007/978-3-642-16541-2, Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg.

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19. **Song, Y. T.** and V. Zlotnicki (2008), The subpolar ocean-bottom-pressure oscillation and its links to ENSO, *Int. J. Remote Sensing*, Vol. **29** (21), 6091-6107.
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27. **Song, Y. T.** (2006), Estimation of interbasin transport using ocean bottom pressure: Theory and model for Asian marginal seas, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **111**, C11S19, doi:10.1029/2005JC003189.
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